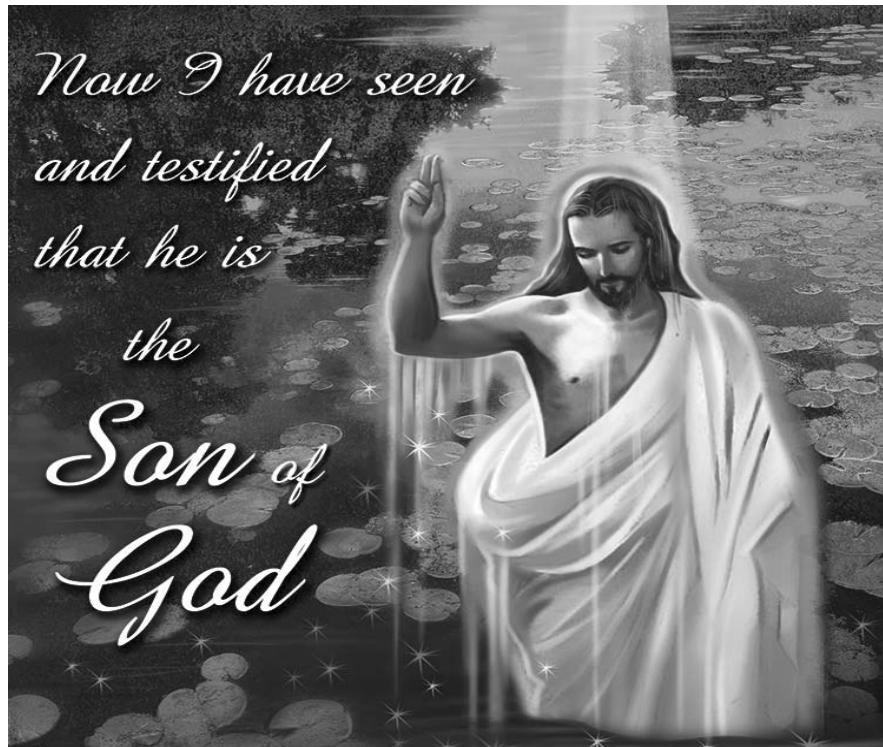


January 15, 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Parish Finance Council

John McGuire

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

Liturgy Committee:

Cantors: Gail Rohmann

Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann

Praise Choir: Julius White

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen

Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: James Hargadon

Ministers of Care: James Hargadon

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): James Hargadon

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

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Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: James Hargadon

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natosha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee: Fr. George

Omwando, Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings

Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

Thoughts From Our Pastoral Associate



Dear friends in faith,

As we await the return of our pastor from Kenya, the inauguration of the next President of the United States, and the myriad changes a new calendar year promises, I reflect on the words of Jan Richardson, the poet, "For Those Who Have Far to Travel,"

*If you could see the journey whole, you might never undertake it, might never dare the first step
that propels you from the place you have known toward the place you know not.*

Indeed we stand on the verge of many new beginnings, and, like you, I ask whether I am living the life, making the choices, taking the actions that bring me closer to God.

I find myself humbled and awed as I read the biography of Sr. Maura Clarke. In the early 1980's, I knew vaguely of the 4 women murdered in El Salvador after the assassination of Oscar Romero, but I didn't know details of her life until I read A Radical Faith. In recent years, I have made friends who named their children, Maura and Oscar, in homage to these brave people. It's empowering and reassuring to read that this nun was so human and asked, "If we abandon the people when they are suffering the crucifixion, how can we speak credibly about Resurrection?" (p. 215). Her life and times are not so different from our own.

As Jan Richardson insightfully points out, we likely hesitate if we saw the entire road ahead. We don't know what the new year, new Presidency, changes in Chicago, in Illinois, or at St. Catherine of Siena – St. Lucy hold in store. But, we do know that God took human form so "that they might have life, and have it abundantly!" (John 10:10).

Please join me on Sun., Jan. 22 at 2 pm in our beautiful church to hear about Sr. Maura Clarke, a remarkable woman of faith. We will be inspired by her example to ask, "How can I be the hands and feet of Jesus today?"

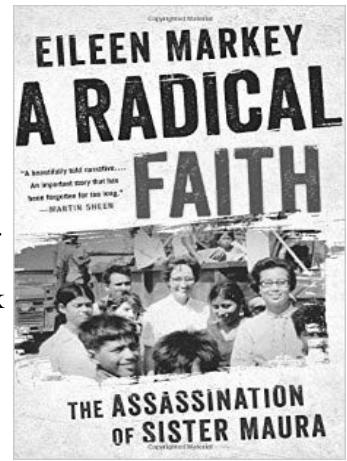
Warm blessings and peace,

Shelby Boblick

The story of a 20th Century Martyr: Sr. Maura Clarke MM

NEXT SUNDAY, January 22 at 2PM at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church

Join members of Sr. Maura's family and Eileen Markey, the author of a recently published biography of Maura Clarke entitled "A Radical Faith," on Sunday, Jan 22 at 2PM at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd in Oak Park to honor the story and faith journey of this remarkable women. Sr. Maura entered the convent in 1950, was assigned to Central America, and assumed the traditional ministry of teaching and preparing children for their sacraments. Affected by the quantum shift in religious life brought on by the Second Vatican Council, she eventually moved into a ministry of accompanying people in their daily struggles and the formation of Base Christian Communities. She was murdered along with three other American religious women in December 1980 in El Salvador for their work in accompanying and supporting refugees from that ongoing and devastating civil war. "A Radical Faith" is available at the Book Table. For more information, contact Shelby Boblick at shelbysboblick@comcast.net. Or 630-240-2765.



She tells much more than the story of an American missionary caught up in the violence of Central America. A Radical Faith is very much the "story of a soul" -- the human and spiritual journey of an American woman religious from her Irish-American childhood in Queens, N.Y., to a life of missionary accompaniment with the people of Nicaragua and El Salvador. There, she left the traditional ministry of teaching to move to Managua for a ministry of accompanying people and the formation of basic Christian communities she experienced the Second Vatican Council quantum shift in religious life.



Rectory Closed Tomorrow

The parish office will be closed on Monday, **January 16**, in honor of the national holiday celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am.

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 22nd, 2017. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Purchase forms are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Thank you!!!

-The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNER
 \$ 25.00
 January 15, 2017
 CAROL KALLOK,
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Save the Date

Sunday, January 22

Eileen Markey, Author Presentation - CH

Sunday, January 29

School Open House

Sunday, February 12

10:30 AM - Church

African-American Heritage Celebration followed by a brunch at Maguire Hall

Saturday & Sunday
 February 11-12 Church

Valentine's Bake Sale

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 16

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

Tuesday, January 17

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
 10AM - Fundraising Committee Mtg. - RD
 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, January 18

11AM-1PM - Organ Lessons - CH
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 7:00 PM - School Board Meeting - RD
 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, January 19

1-3PM & 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC
 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

Friday, January 20

2:30 PM - Day Care - C

And Let It Begin With Me

Martin Luther King, Jr. isn't above any of us. He is simply more committed than most of us.

—Joan Chittister, OSB

**Mon. January 16**

8:30 † **Marvin Deaton**
By: Jody Wittenberg

Tue. January 17

8:30 † **Robert J. Hoberg**
By: Dorothy Brion

Wed. January 18

8:30 **Bob Serratela**
By: A friend

Fri. January 20

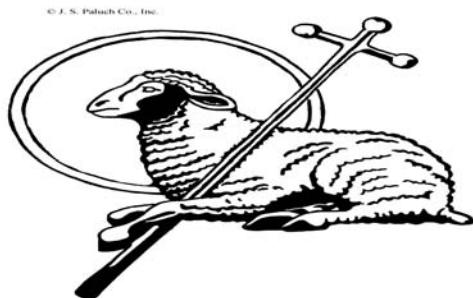
8:30 † **Robert J. Hoberg**
By: Dorothy Brion

Sat. January 21

5:00 † **Ruth and Thomas Connery**
By: The Koko Family

Sun. January 22

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Frank Dell Aquila**
By: Dell Aquila Family
10:00 † **Lydia V. Tesha**
By: Selina Mushi

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
 Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
 Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Tuesday: St. Anthony
 Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
 Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Saturday: St. Agnes

Our Parish Stewardship**St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**

January 8, 2017	\$ 8742.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 830.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Over Budget	\$ 2,264.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**JANUARY 22, 2017**

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
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Altar Servers

Mrs. Kathy Paoli	Mr. Miles Jackson	Ian Elsen
	Mr. W. Washington	Michelle Agbefa

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond	Tom Frank	Bro. J. Kilikevice
Mary Rose Nauss	Thom Schouten	Rachel Faulman

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jim Hargadon	Claudia Zinanni	Scarlett Evans
Brenda Fojtik	Kevin Kell	R. Smith-Quinn
Jack Kernan	Gordon Bell	Jan Kieckhefer
Chemetha Baker	Bill Cragg	Pat Nelson
	Fannie Cooper	Terry Sullivan
	Ginny Jones	Bill Holmes

Our Living Word: For Reflection

Take time each week to reflect upon the CURRENT Sunday's Scripture. We are fed by the Word so we can live out the Word.

JANUARY 15, 2017— 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- ..# I behold the "Lamb of God" when . . .
- ..# Who helps me behold "the Lamb of God is . . .
- ..# Being baptized in the Holy Spirit compels me to . . .

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

JANUARY 22, 2017— 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9, 3

Zebulun and Naphtali were two Jewish tribes who had settled in the northern area of the Holy Land. Eight centuries before Christ, this area experienced a bitter defeat at the hands of Assyria. The prophet Isaiah offers these defeated people hope by looking ahead to a day when they would be especially blessed. The northern area of the Holy Land was later known as Galilee, and Christians have seen Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul deals with issues the Church faces in every age. After Paul had founded this community and moved on, he heard of polarizations among the Corinthian Christians. In this passage, he speaks bluntly to them about these divisions.

January 15, 2017



Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Winifred Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Lillian Czaplicki, Anabelle Deaton, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Diane W. Kinamo, Paul Koko, Kyle Lee, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Elycia & Skylar Robinson, Carlton Shanks, Joyce Wade, and Valerie Williams

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

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School News

..#We will not be in school tomorrow, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

..#Dr. Bob Rabe, Director of Catholic Identity, has rescheduled his visit to our school for Monday, January 23.

..#Congratulations to Mrs. Sharon Bryant, our Assistant Principal and awesome 3rd Grade teacher. She is celebrating her 25th year here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

..#Catholic Schools Week officially kicks off on Sunday, January 29. The school will sponsor an open house on that day, from 10-11 am, for new families who want to see what we have to offer. If you know of anyone looking for a great school, please let them know of our open house.

Faith and Fellowship Needs Help

Several of our long-serving Catechists in the Monday and Thursday evening groups have recently retired, and we are finding ourselves a little short-handed. Could you give a couple of hours each week? It's an opportunity not only help others but also to enrich your own spiritual life as a part of the Faith and Fellowship faith-sharing community. Contact Connie Rakitan, 708/383-9276 or at faith_fellowship@hotmail.com to learn more.

"Time Table Talk" for families—("Families" are what you define family to be!)

This "talk" is based upon John 1:29-34. John the Baptist, other martyrs and saints throughout the ages were witnesses to Jesus "the chosen one of God."

1. Would you like to become a better witness of Jesus?
2. What will this witnessing look like?
3. What will be the cost of this witnessing?
4. When will you begin this witnessing?
5. Who will support you in this witnessing?

Keep Smiling

It is said that the ability to make and understand PUNS is the highest level of language development. Here are some top winners in the International Pun Contest.

¶ A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened a small shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good friars to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to ‘persuade’ them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he’d be back if they didn’t close up shop. Terrified they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

Exploring Priesthood Weekend



January 20 - 22, 2017

Will be held at Mundelein Seminary, 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois, 60060. This retreat is designed to help men discern God's call to the diocesan priesthood. To be called by God to serve him as a priest means to have one's soul stirred deep within.

Throughout a weekend of prayer, discussions, presentations of diocesan priesthood and group interaction, men begin to better understand God's movement in their life.

For more information contact:
Father Francis Bitterman - Vocation Director at 312-534-8298 or e-mail: fbitterman@archchicago.org

Vision

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

—Anonymous

Catholic Charities Congregate Meals for Seniors

All seniors over the age of 60 are invited to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship at Catholic Charities senior congregate dining sites located throughout Suburban Cook county. Enjoy a hot, nutritionally balanced lunch while getting to know others and enjoying friendly games of bingo and Wii bowling, movies, and more! A donation for every meal is appreciated, but no qualifying senior is turned away due to their inability to donate. No senior goes hungry! For more information, contact a location near you:

Cicero – 708- 652-3545



Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you.

Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at 312-948-6821.



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to GiveCentral

Pray For Our Deceased



Susan Raucci

(Pat Pomykalski's Sister)

May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace Pat and her family in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead her into Paradise

Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men.

312- 337-1962

888- 456-HOPE

projectrachelchicago@gmail.com

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

-Father George

Treasures From Our Tradition

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

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Lifelong Faith Formation Classes

Lifelong Faith Formation classes are now available through the Archdiocese Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry. These classes, which include a program for training catechists, extend the opportunity to be a part of the formation of the next generation of Chicago Catholics to every member of the Archdiocese. Whether you want to take a full course of study toward certification as a catechist, or simply participate in select classes to enrich your faith, these classes from the Archdiocese are an exciting new resource. All classes are online, so they fit into your everyday schedule, and affordable as some courses are available for only \$14. You can complete the classes at your own pace and in your home. Topics include Scripture, John Paul II's Theology of the Body, Church History and much more. For a full listing of courses and prices please visit www.formedcatholiconline.com/home.aspx?pagename=faith.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.

—Isaiah 49:6b

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmations will be held during the spring months throughout the Archdiocese. Preparation groups are forming now. To register or for information please telephone 312- 534-8032 or go to www.catechesis-chicago.org.

Mercy Challenge

Continue to be a sign of God's mercy in this world by actively being like the Good Samaritan: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and/or giving alms to the poor.

Be committed to being Christ for others in your world, by helping your neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs. Using your particular gifts, find ways to instruct the unknowing, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses, console the afflicted, and/or pray for the living and the dead.

Three Missions

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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